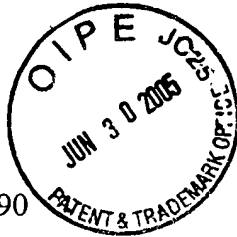


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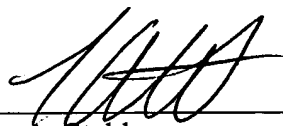
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The Notice indicates that Figure 12 is contained in the drawings but not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Figure 12 does appear in the Brief Description of the Drawings, and specifically, appears on page 10, lines 12-14.

Applicants believe that the Office of Patent Publication may have intended to indicate that Figure 12 was listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings but not actually contained in the drawings. If this was intended, Applicants submit herewith a copy of Figure 12. Figure 12 is described in the specification on page 10 as a diagram showing the relation of forces in the document feeding apparatus according to the conventional technology. A detailed description of the apparatus illustrated in Figure 12 appears in the specification beginning on page 3, line 19 through page 6, line 4.

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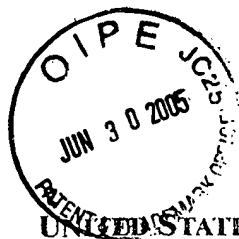


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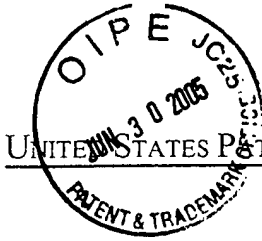
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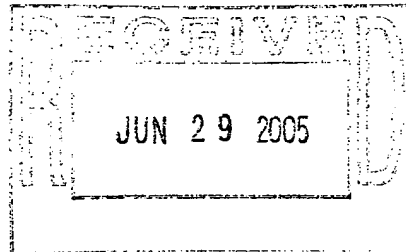
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